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Overview

This bill amends requirements for MnPASS corridors and use of associated funds to (1) allow corridors to be created under new situations, (2) set the allocation of funds from each new corridor in the future to go towards capital improvements within that corridor, and (3) make technical changes. The allocations of revenues for both of the current MnPASS corridors (I-394 and 35W) are unchanged.

Section

- 1 Restrictions on toll facility.** Adds exceptions to a general prohibition on tolled roads for:
 - a lane that adds capacity is temporarily operated as a general purpose or auxiliary lane and is subsequently converted to a high-occupancy toll lane;
 - an auxiliary lane that is converted to a high-occupancy toll lane; and
 - a general purpose lane that is converted to a high-occupancy toll lane if capacity is added in the same segment of highway and the segment has been formally designated a MnPASS corridor.
- 2 Fees authorized.** Clarifies that user fees (tolls) can be imposed in high-occupancy toll lanes.
- 3 Deposit of revenues; appropriation.** Amends the allocation of revenue collected from user fees (tolls) on the trunk highway system implemented through the MnPASS program. Removes a provision on initial repayment to the trunk highway fund, requires funds to go to MnPASS system operation, requires that remaining funds for each MnPASS corridor set up in the future be used for capital improvements within that corridor, and makes technical changes.

